FACULTY OF LAW 2018 VIEWBOOK
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BE A PART OF
QUEEN’S LAW

Our faculty is enriched by the skills, knowledge and experience of students with enquiring minds who have excelled consistently in a broad range of academic disciplines, have been community leaders, excelled in extracurricular activities, and enjoyed success in careers prior to pursuit of legal education.

How to Apply

Applications are processed online through the Ontario Law School Application Service (OLSAS).

All applicants must submit the following materials directly to OLSAS:

- Law School Admission Test (LSAT) scores
- Official post-secondary transcripts
- Personal statement
- Autobiographical Sketch and Verifiers
- At least one academic letter of reference

The deadline is Nov 1 for admission in the following September.

Complete and submit the application to OLSAS at ouac.on.ca/olsas
Academic Requirements

All applicants must have completed successfully a minimum of three years of full-time undergraduate studies in a degree program at a recognized post-secondary institution that provides an academic environment and education that prepares students for potential success in advanced study at Queen’s.

Admission Categories and Standards

**General Category**

Most applicants will apply under this category; the academic record and LSAT score are weighed most heavily.

Competitive applicants should have at least an “A-” average (GPA 3.7) in the top two years of their undergraduate degree program along with an LSAT score of at least 157.

**Aboriginal Category**

Queen’s Faculty of Law is committed to increasing Aboriginal representation within the legal profession and therefore encourages applications from Indigenous people.

Applications will be considered based on your interest in, and identification with, your Aboriginal community, as well as other factors, including academic performance, results of the LSAT, employment history, letters of reference and a personal statement.

**Access Category**

We are committed to enhancing diversity in legal education and the legal profession. To this end, the Faculty encourages applications from candidates whose backgrounds, qualities or experiences allow them to make unique contributions to the law school community, the legal profession and society in general. We will consider the following factors:

- disability
- educational and financial disadvantage
- membership in a historically disadvantaged group
- age
- life experience
- any other factor relating either to educational barriers you faced, or to your ability to enrich the diversity of the law school community and the legal profession

Competitive applicants should have at least “B+” average (GPA 3.3) in the top two years of their undergraduate degree program along with an LSAT score of at least 154.

**FIRST YEAR CLASS PROFILE**

**General Category**

- LSAT Highest Score Average: 161
- Top 2 Years’ Average: H’J

**Access Category**

- LSAT Highest Score Average: GIF
- Top 2 Years’ Average: H’I
INTERDISCIPLINARY OPPORTUNITIES WITH COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAMS

Queen’s Law has joined with other leading schools and departments at Queen’s University and with Sherbrooke University in Quebec to offer students several combined degree programs.

With the exception of the Civil Law/Common Law program and the BCom/JD program, applicants to all combined degree programs must apply for admission to the JD degree program through OLSAS and complete the application process for admission to the graduate degree program through either the School of Graduate Studies or the Smith School of Business.

JD/Master of Business Administration (4 years – early completion options of 3.5 years)

This four-year combined program capitalizes on the strength of the internationally acclaimed, intensive 12-month Master of Business Administration degree offered by Queen’s Smith School of Business and the rich business law program offered by Queen’s Law. Students start the MBA portion of the program in the winter semester of their second year of law school.

Graduate Diploma in Business (four month summer program)

Queen’s Smith School of Business offers a four-month Graduate Diploma in Business (GDB) that may be combined with JD degree studies for recent university graduates with a degree in a non-business discipline. The GDB offers a comprehensive overview of business fundamentals through eight courses, which are the same as those in the full-time MBA program’s Fundamentals Module. JD students can complete the GDB from May to August after first-year JD studies at less than half the cost of the full-time MBA. Students who complete the GDB successfully with a B+ average may apply later to have the credits transferred toward completion of other Queen’s MBA degree programs.

Bachelor of Commerce/JD (6 years)

This six-year combined program capitalizes on the strength of the Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) degree offered by Queen’s Smith School of Business and the business law program offered by Queen’s Law. The BCom/JD degree reduces completion time and tuition by one year for undergraduate students admitted to the BCom degree program at Queen’s. Students entering the third year of the Queen’s BCom program are eligible to apply through an internal application process at Queen’s.
Master of Public Administration/JD
(3.5 years – early completion option of 3 years)

Queen’s Master of Public Administration/Juris Doctor (MPA/JD) is a three-and-a-half-year combined degree program. The MPA/JD is an excellent choice if you seek to combine advanced skills in policy analysis and management with training in law for successful policy development and implementation. The School of Policy Studies has a strong reputation for advanced education in policy studies in the areas of health policy, global governance, social policy and public policy in the voluntary sector of not-for-profit, community-based, non-governmental organizations.

Master of Arts (Economics)/JD
(3 years)

Queen’s Law has joined with the Department of Economics to offer a combined program that allows students to obtain both an MA and JD degree in three years. The program provides highly focused interdisciplinary training for students interested in the many areas where law and economic analysis intersect. Combined MA (Econ)/JD students will receive excellent training and gain a strong comparative advantage to pursue careers in specialized legal work that requires knowledge of economic theory and social science methods, high-level policy work and academia.

Master of Industrial Relations/JD
(3.5 years – early completion option of 3 years)

The Master of Industrial Relations/Juris Doctor (MIR/JD) is a three-and-a-half-year combined degree program that merges graduate training in human resources management, employment and labour policy with a professional degree in law.

Civil Law/Common Law Joint Degree Program
(1 year)

Queen’s Law has partnered with the University of Sherbrooke to offer a combined common law and civil law degree. In this program, Queen’s JD graduates who are fluent in French can study at Sherbrooke for one year to obtain a civil law degree. Similarly, graduates of the University of Sherbrooke are eligible to study at Queen’s for one year in order to receive a common law degree. Usually there is enough space for some graduates of other Quebec law schools to be accepted for admission to this combined program. Graduates of the Civil Law/Common Law Combined Degree Program are eligible to apply for the licensing process and articling positions to practice in any province or territory in Canada.
Queen’s Law is a vibrant and collegial community, with a longstanding commitment to an inclusive and accessible legal education. We believe that the legal profession must always strive to reflect the diversity of the Canadian society it serves.

As well as having dedicated scholars, our law school is involved in community service and outreach, charitable fundraising, student club activities and student government. Macdonald Hall buzzes with activity from dawn to dusk – and often beyond – with clubs, special events, sports, and cultural activities.
Queen’s Law is unique in the sense that it fosters both intellectual and personal development. It strives to provide students with all of the necessary tools required to be a successful lawyer while also ensuring that each student has a say in the core decisions being made by the law school. So, whether the school is in the process of hiring new faculty, or making any changes to the curriculum, the student body is often the first group given the opportunity to provide its input.

—MICHAEL COLEMAN, LAW’17
Outreach and Support

Queen’s Law has a long history of philanthropic efforts and charitable events. New initiatives are launched every year to increase outreach and support to the greater community. Some events have developed into proud traditions, which new students take on with renewed excitement and creativity each year.

Over $15,000 Raised for Charity in 2016-17

Queen’s University is situated on traditional Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Territory. The University is committed to strengthening our relationships with Indigenous communities. In my role, I work with Indigenous students at the law school as well as other professional faculties, to build a community of learners and help support a campus that values our culture, language and teachings.

– ANN DEER, INDIGENOUS RECRUITMENT AND SUPPORT COORDINATOR FOR LAW, MEDICINE, AND BUSINESS
Queen’s Law Outreach
Law students engaging with the local community and demystifying the legal profession to youth.

Queen’s Law Refugee Support Program
A group of law students doing their part in helping the refugee resettlement in Kingston and across Canada.

Coming Soon:
Queen’s Law & Leadership Summer Camp
Launching in 2018 and focused on creating a pipeline to law school for students traditionally under-represented in the legal profession across Canada.

Film & Television Research Group
Law students offering an overview of Canadian law for individuals working in the film, television, and theatre industry who want to understand their legal rights and obligations as professionals.
INTERNATIONAL LAW PROGRAMS AT THE BADER INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRE

Queen's Law prepares law students for today's international environment. Proof that we go the extra mile? We have our own Old English castle. And the peacocks that go with it. Only Queen's Law offers International Law Programs at the Bader International Study Centre at Herstmonceux Castle.

Offered each May and June, students will study and live at the 15th-century Herstmonceux Castle estate in East Sussex, 100 km southeast of London, England, and are immersed in a unique cultural learning experience.

Students can earn upper-year degree credits in intensive and integrated academic programs in International Business Law and Public International Law. Instructors and guests speakers are key players in international law, and bring their practical experience to the classroom.

Completing one of the International Law Programs at the BISC can allow a student to complete the JD degree requirements in 2.5 years instead of the usual 3.
Programs and Field Studies

Students can choose between International Business Law and Public International Law. These programs are enriched by visits to international institutions in the UK and Europe, where students are briefed by senior legal advisors and key officials.

**International Business Law Program**

**Required courses:**
- Public International Law
- International Economic Law
- International Commercial Law

**Typical field study destinations include:**
- Mission of Canada to the European Union (Brussels)
- European Parliament (Brussels)
- Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (Paris)
- Three Crowns LLP (Paris)
- World Trade Organization and Canadian Delegation (Geneva)
- Advisory Centre on WTO Law (Geneva)
- International Trade Centre (Geneva)
- Sidley Austin LLP (Geneva)

**Public International Law Program**

**Required courses:**
- Public International Law
- International Protection of Human Rights and Refugees
- The Law of Armed Conflict and International Crimes

**Typical field study destinations include:**
- International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (the Hague)
- Special Tribunal for Lebanon (the Hague)
- Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (the Hague)
- International Criminal Court (the Hague)
- Canadian Mission to the United Nations (Geneva)
- Office of the UN High commissioner for Human Rights (Geneva)
- Office of the UN High commissioner for Refugees (Geneva)
- International Committee of the Red Cross (Geneva)

Being at the Castle is inspiring. One day you're in class, learning about the most recent case taking place at the International Criminal Court, and the next day you're actually there. It's an incredible experience.

–IVNEET GARCHA, LAW'19
EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

Queen’s Law continues to develop partnerships with leading law schools around the world, providing students with additional opportunities to gain international legal perspectives. Paying Queen’s Law tuition fees, our students earn degree credits while studying at one of our exchange partner schools around the world!

Barcelona, Spain
Beijing, China
Cape Town, South Africa
Delhi, India
Groningen, Netherlands
Istanbul, Turkey

Lyon, France
Melbourne, Victoria
Pokfulam, Hong Kong
Shanghai, China
Singapore, Singapore
Sydney, Australia

Tel Aviv, Israel
Uppsala, Sweden
Wanstead, Barbados
Wellington, New Zealand
Wiesbaden, Germany

Turkey
France
Singapore
South Africa
Netherlands
Hong Kong
INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Queen’s Law’s internship funding programs allow students to gain legal knowledge and skills by contributing to the public interest in Canada and abroad as summer interns. With financial support from the Torys Public Summer Internship Award Program and the Queen’s Law Public Interest Internship Award Program, students can accept unpaid summer internships with not-for-profit and public-interest agencies.

Recent Internships Include:

**International**
- United Nations Relief and Works Agency, Jerusalem
- U.N. Legal Affairs, New York
- New York Legal Assistance Group
- UNAIDS, Geneva
- International Criminal Court, the Hague

**Domestic**
- Canadian Lawyers Abroad/Lawyers without Borders
- CAMH, Mental Health Forensics, Toronto
- Canadian Civil Liberties Association, Toronto
- Women’s Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF)
- Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic (domestic violence)
- Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted

It was a pleasure to be able to intern as a policy analyst at Harvard University over the course of my summer. Not only did I get to practice my research skills, but I was also afforded the opportunity to connect and speak with many exceptional students and faculty members.

—HISHAM IMTIAZ, LAW’19
FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

Queen’s University and the Faculty of Law are committed to the goal of ensuring a legal education remains financially affordable to qualified students. Each year approximately $4.8 million in total financial assistance is granted to Queen’s Law students.

We want you to have the information you need, and the help you require, to finance your education. We know that even though all Queen’s students have the ability to achieve their academic goals, not all students share the ability to fully finance their Queen’s education on their own. Please take the time to explore all your options and develop a financial plan that works for you, so you can focus on learning and on your academic success.

Admission Scholarships
During each admission cycle, Queen’s Law awards a variety of admission scholarships on the basis of academic merit to students entering first year of the JD program.

Admission Bursaries
Bursaries are non-repayable grants. Unlike scholarships, which are based solely on academic excellence, financial need is the primary consideration in the selection of bursary recipients.

Queen’s Work Study Program
Students with demonstrated financial need will receive priority for certain part-time jobs available on campus and for jobs with not-for-profit organizations.

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FIRST-YEAR 
JD PROGRAM
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– JOSH KARTON, ASSOCIATE DEAN (GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH)

Our JD program combines challenging courses in legal theory and substantive law. Most of our faculty are some of the most dynamic, creative, and influential legal scholars in Canada, and we are recognized in a number of practice areas including criminal, family, labour, health, tax, and public law. More recently, Queen’s Law has world class faculty who are internationally acknowledged for their scholarship in family, competition, corporate, mental health and the environment.

Our JD students are in a 3:1 ratio ratio compared to other JD programs in Canada, which means small classes and small sections combined. This system creates a supportive, interactive and collegial learning environment.

Challenging courses in legal theory and substantive law are balanced with valuable opportunities for experiential learning and skills development through our superb clinical programs, including small sections, clinics, law office management, alternative dispute resolution, and many more. These programs provide hands-on practical training and real-world practice skills and could serve as a proving ground for students who are interested in a legal career. We encourage all students to participate in practicums and to learn more about the practice of law before finalizing their career plans.

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Our core curriculum offers an educational foundation to practice law in all common-law jurisdictions in Canada and around the world. The JD professional degree program provides the educational foundation you need to succeed in the... skills. –JOSH KARTON, ASSOCIATE DEAN (GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH)

Our faculty are some of the most dynamic, creative, and influential legal scholars you can find. Often aided by JD research assistants, they are... Canada’s first ever... and women in the... and Canada’s first ever... It’s shaped the thinking of some of our... and immigration clinics... legal education and the law school experience... to address... law. We have the... lawyers, paralegals, and public policy professionals. Our rotation... to work in small groups lead by one... The Juris Doctor (JD) program... the Juris Doctor (JD) professional degree program provides the educational foundation you need to succeed in the... skills. We have the country’s first ever... clinic. For the most part, we...扩容

ERAL STUDIES AND RESEARCH
Our faculty are some of the most recognized scholars you can find. Often aided by JD research assistants, they are shaping the definition of the crime of aggression under international law.
Our compulsory curriculum covers all the fundamental subjects, including instruction in legal research, legal writing and oral advocacy. Students complete courses in:

- Civil Procedure
- Business Transactions
- Property
- Criminal Law
- Constitutional Law
- Public Law
- Torts
- Property Law
- Introduction to Legal Skills

In addition to lectures, students engage in small group work and experience-based learning. Our ILS course covers the basic skills a student needs in law school and in legal practice:

- Writing case briefs and factums
- Researching and citing legal material
- Legal ethics and professionalism
- The court system
- Orchestration
- Legal writing and advocacy
- The court system
- Oral advocacy
- Law office management

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For more information on the JD Program, please visit the JD Program Information website.
Law Commons
CLINICAL OPPORTUNITIES WITH QUEEN’S LAW CLINICS

Queen’s Law has a clinical space that merges the school’s five pro bono clinics. Students work in a law office atmosphere, supervised by full-time directors and duty counsel and serving local clients through research, advice and assistance.

From helping local businesses develop to aiding the incarcerated, clinic students earn academic credit while getting hands-on exposure to some of the most dynamic aspects of the legal profession.
Queen’s Legal Aid

The oldest and largest of the Queen’s clinic programs, Queen’s Legal Aid (QLA) has been a vital part of the Faculty of Law’s service to the community for decades. Working closely with Legal Aid Ontario, QLA provides a wide range of legal services to low-income area residents and students of both Queen’s University and St. Lawrence College.

As part of the QLA team, students develop a wealth of experience relating to advocacy, interviewing and counselling, file management, legal ethics, legal research and writing, negotiation and settlement, office procedures, professional responsibility and solicitor/client relationships. They also assist clients in court or at a tribunal hearing.

2016 by the numbers

Worked on approx. 500 client files

24 student caseworkers, 65 volunteers

10 paid summer students

Prison Law Clinic

Unique to Queen’s, the Queen’s Prison Law Clinic (QPLC) allows students to assist prisoners in one of six institutions with a number of legal issues. QPLC students provide legal advice, assistance and representation in matters relating to prison and parole in Kingston-area penitentiaries and Warkworth Institution.

They learn to manage the solicitor/client relationship, interview clients, conduct case-specific research, prepare examinations/cross-examinations of witnesses, draft legal submissions and represent clients at hearings. Student caseworkers draft grievances, provide legal opinions, represent clients at Disciplinary Court hearings or before the Parole Board of Canada, conduct meetings with inmate groups and conduct test case litigation.

2016 by the numbers

Worked on approx. 500 client files

18 students enrolled in course

4 paid summer students
**Business Law Clinic**

At the Queen’s Business Law Clinic (QBLC), students can explore the dynamic field of business law by providing legal assistance to start-ups, entrepreneurs, businesses and not-for-profit organizations in southeastern Ontario.

QBLC students draft and review legal documents such as leases and licenses, privacy policies and trademark registrations, and non-disclosure agreements and waivers. They also gain presentation experience by speaking to local business groups on any number of business law issues.

*2016 by the numbers*

- **153** client files opened
- **16** student caseworkers, **2** volunteers
- **2** paid summer students

**Elder Law Clinic**

Students can explore a growing and socially relevant area of law at the Queen’s Elder Law Clinic (QELC) – the first clinic of its kind in Canada. Clients are Kingston-area seniors who would otherwise have difficulty affording legal counsel.

QELC students work with these clients planning wills and powers of attorney, assisting them as they complete guardianship applications or certificates of appointment. In addition to serving clients with issues such as elder discrimination, abuse and neglect, students may also have opportunities to present seminars to community and professional groups on issues related to aging.

*2016 by the numbers*

- **55** client files worked on
- **8** student caseworkers
- **1** paid summer student
Family Law Clinic

At the Queen’s Family Law Clinic (QFLC), students provide vital support to local residents as they navigate Ontario’s sometimes challenging family court system. Student caseworkers learn about Family Court matters by providing services to clientele with low incomes. These services include helping litigants represent themselves in Family Court by completing their documents, helping them negotiate the Family Court process, or referring them to other family justice resources.

Throughout the year, students attend Family Court to facilitate client access to QFLC services, assisting LAO-funded duty and advice counsel in their provision of enhanced duty counsel services. Working on cases involving issues such as custody, access and child support, students help clients complete forms such as divorce applications, financial statements and affidavits.

2016 by the numbers

- Opened 114 client files and 74 brief service files
- 12 student caseworkers, 14 volunteers
- 2 paid summer students and 2 summer interns

The responsibility given to caseworkers at Queen’s Legal Aid provides invaluable practical experience in a broad range of practice areas. We are given the opportunity to conduct our own hearings, trials, mediations, settlement conferences, and more. It’s a rewarding experience with endless opportunities to learn and grow as a young legal professional.

—NATASHA RAMBARAN, LAW’19
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Clinical Externships
Upper-year students will earn academic credit each year while working for community legal aid clinics serving Kingston, Belleville, Hastings and Prince Edward Counties, Cobourg and Northumberland County.

Federal Government Internships
Queen’s Law offers a series of internships in partnership with offices of the federal Department of Justice in Ottawa. Each term, upper-year students earn academic credit while gaining practical experience. After obtaining a security clearance and completion of the internship, students are eligible for preferential status in government hiring.

Pro Bono Students Canada
The Queen’s Law chapter of PBSC attracts student volunteers seeking valuable practical experience in legal research and representation, while looking to gain exposure to unique areas of law. Students are supervised by practising lawyers and are asked to volunteer three hours per week during the academic year up to the end of March. Students can select from an impressive array of engaging community service projects.

Family and Children’s Law Placements
The Family and Children’s Law Placements course is offered each term, giving upper-year students invaluable insight and experience in the practice of family and children’s law, and the roles and responsibilities of lawyers and other professionals in the legal system.
Law Journals

Queen’s Law students play a central part in bringing out two fully refereed scholarly law reviews. Students who work on both journals receive hands-on training and experience in legal research and writing, in dealing with submissions from academics and scholarly practitioners, and in the planning and production of a major publication.

Queen’s Law Journal (QLJ)
The QLJ is one of Canada’s leading peer-reviewed legal publications, and is produced by a student editorial board under the direction of two faculty advisors. In 2015, Carswell published the QLJ-produced Canadian Guide to Legal Style: Canada’s first and only definitive guide to grammar and style conventions in legal writing.

Canadian Labour and Employment Law Journal (CLELJ)
The CLELJ is Canada’s only specialized labour and employment law journal. It is a collaborative publication of the Queen’s Centre for Law in the Contemporary Workplace and Lancaster House, a Toronto labour law publisher. A team of student editors work on the CLELJ under the guidance of senior faculty editors.

Advocacy and Competitive Mooting

At Queen’s, training in advocacy is an integral part of our students’ legal education. Our Moot Court Program is one of the largest at any Canadian law school. Each year, teams from Queen’s Law compete in up to 20 mooting competitions in a wide range of legal areas, including:

- Aboriginal law
- Client counselling
- Commercial arbitration
- Constitutional law
- Criminal law
- Environmental law
- Intellectual property
- International law
- Labour arbitration
- Securities law
- Tax law
- Trade law
- Trial advocacy
- Environmental law
- Intellectual property
- International law
- Labour arbitration
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HELPING YOU SUCCEED THROUGH
STUDENT SERVICES

The Student Services Office staff are here to support students and help facilitate their success in the JD program. We want you to enjoy your time at Queen’s Law and encourage you to explore all the opportunities available to you, both academic and co-curricular, while pursuing your degree. There are many things students may do with the law degree and it is our job to assist students so that they are able to use their degree to pursue their dreams and launch a fulfilling career.

I chose to come to Queen’s Law because of its reputation for community, and my experiences in my first year exceeded any expectations. There are so many ways to get involved, and working as the Student Services Development Coordinator this summer gave me the opportunity to collaborate with the Administration to keep growing and improving the quality of that community. Getting to interact with staff and alumni also assured me that the Queen’s Law community is something that stays with you long after you graduate.

—COLBY HARRIS, LAW’19
Queen's Law is a leader in innovative teaching of the 21st century law student. We are committed to providing engaging learning opportunities using the latest teaching tools and technology including:

- Real world simulations that allow students to experience what it feels like to practice law before they ever enter a law firm or courtroom

- Flipped classrooms with interactive videos and more time dedicated to deeper classroom discussions and student exploration of legal issues

- In house learning experts working with faculty to constantly improve the students’ learning experience both inside and outside the classroom
SUPPORTING YOUR SUCCESS THROUGH CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The Career Development Office staff provide professional, relevant and timely services to help students make informed career decisions. They advise students about summer, articling and long-term employment opportunities available and ensure students have the skills and support to reach their individual goals.

How the Career Development Office assists students

- Comprehensive career management planning
- Unlimited individual counselling sessions
- Seminars and workshops on a range of topics
- A broad network of alumni
- A tradition of peer support
- Opportunities to meet employers from a variety of cities
- Comprehensive print and online resources

In an anonymous survey of Queen’s Law Students…

- 4.6/5 rating of CDO services by law students
- 98% of respondents would recommend CDO services

When do Queen’s Law students find their articling positions?

Most students have secured articles by graduation, and on average 75-85% of students have secured articles by the beginning of third year.

Where will Queen’s Law students article in 2017-2018?

Types of Employers:
Large/National Firms, Government, In-House
Smaller Firms, Clerkships, Public Interest
The Career Development Office (CDO) at Queen’s Law offers students an incredible array of helpful services provided by knowledgeable and friendly staff. The CDO offers personalized consultations to all students: from how to write a resume to etiquette at firm dinners, and everything in between. I am so thankful for the feedback and guidance that I received from the CDO. Without question, it was instrumental in helping me land the job I wanted.

–DAVID SCHNITTKER, LAW’17
Live Where You Study
Historic downtown Kingston is bordered by waterfront parks along the shores of Lake Ontario and the Cataraqui River. Most Queen’s Law students live within a 15-minute walking distance to the law school. This allows them to spend more time forging friendships and making connections with professors, colleagues and the law community as a whole. Kingston offers the perfect blend of quaint small-town feel with big-city amenities.

One of Canada’s Most Prestigious Universities
Queen’s University is a community, 175 years of tradition, academic excellence, research, and beautiful waterfront campus made of limestone buildings and modern facilities. But more than anything Queen’s is people.

Queen’s is one of Canada’s oldest degree-granting institutions, and has influenced Canadian higher education since 1841 when it was established by Royal Charter of Queen Victoria.
Access Major Canadian Legal Markets

Kingston is within a short three-hour drive of major metropolitan centres — Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal. The Norman Rogers Airport in Kingston also has daily flight connections to get you anywhere in the world. Our students have access to a variety of job prospects and opportunities for making connections in Canada’s major legal hubs.
ALUMNI

Queen’s Law students graduate with a group of people they will know for the rest of their careers. Our alumni are renowned for their loyalty, enthusiasm, and willingness to help out other Queen’s Law grads. Every year, at Homecoming and other events across the country, alumni gather to reminisce, network, and reconnect. New graduates find themselves with a ready-made network wherever they start their professional lives; the words “Queen's Law” often open interesting doors in their legal careers.
I hear it time and time again from our students and alumni: there is something special about Queen’s Law that sets it apart from other law schools. We are renowned for our unique blend of academic excellence and student engagement. At Queen’s, you will find classes that are challenging and stimulating, all in the context of a collegial and supportive learning environment for all of our students.

We offer experiential learning experiences like no other school in Canada, including the Queen’s Law Clinics located in downtown Kingston comprised of our Business Law, Elder Law, Family Law, Legal Aid and Prison Law clinics, staffed by our students and a team of experienced supervising legal counsel. We have one of the largest competitive moot programs of any law school in Canada; internships with the federal government and various community clinics; and a wide variety of funded summer public-interest internships.

We offer a distinctive range of international opportunities, including summer studies in Public International Law and International Business Law at the Bader International Study Centre at Herstmonceux Castle in England. We have exchange programs with some of the world’s leading law schools in Europe, Asia, South Africa, the Middle East and Australia.

The Queen’s Law experience doesn’t stop with graduation: our dedicated alumni remain a vital part of the school. We pride ourselves on finding new and innovative ways to connect students to Queen’s Law graduates, helping tomorrow’s legal professional’s benefit from their wisdom, guidance and connections. I do hope you’ll be able to visit us at Queen’s Law to tour the campus, meet our students, and get a sense for what makes Queen’s so special.

See you then,

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Dean, Queen’s Law
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